BLACK & LATINX STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS GUIDE

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Thank you for choosing San Diego City College to pursue your college education. City College has a rich tradition of assisting all students in accomplishing their educational goals. No matter your educational experience or passions, City College has great faculty, classified professionals, and administrators who are committed to providing excellent educational programs, safe spaces, and comprehensive student support services that are designed to successfully transition you into college.

City College is a unique college campus where students from all backgrounds receive a world-class education. We designed this Black & Latinx Student Achievement & Success Guide to encourage students to connect with one of the college’s many student success programs that are specifically designed to assist you in developing and supporting your passion. Please review and research the contents of this guide. Join a club, get involved with student government, attend our student performances, or feel free to drop in on one of the many workshops and activities.

As college president, it is my responsibility to ensure that you are prepared for greatness. We have more than 200 majors and certificate programs that will prepare you for the next step. We expect academic excellence! Students interested in transferring to a four-year college or university should know that City College offers numerous transfer degrees with guaranteed admission into the four-year California State University system. Students who are interested in career education or training should know that City’s certificate programs cover many high-demand professions such as nursing, manufacturing, design, radio, television and film, heating and air conditioning, and a variety of other training programs that will lead to high-paying careers.

By enrolling at City College, you are choosing to revolutionize your future just like thousands of other City College alumni who have attended the college over the last 100-plus years. By deciding to educate yourself, you have stepped into the driver’s seat of the most reliable vehicle for upward mobility in this community. There is no better gateway to a brighter future than to pursue your passions with a college education. I applaud you for taking charge of your future by starting, or continuing, your educational goals here at City College.
Welcome to City College!

San Diego City College is committed to social justice and strives to advance the academic needs of all students. Since 1914, the college has provided exceptional faculty and supportive student resources to help students navigate college and achieve their dreams.

In reaching your goals, know that we are here for you. Please enjoy this helpful guide, which is designed to increase your connection with the campus and entire community.

We offer a multitude of support services in areas such as counseling, athletics, career services, enrollment services, financial aid, student life, and much more. Our award-winning First Year Services program, as well as dedicated faculty and classified professionals, are eager to be a part of your journey.

As vice president of Student Services, I strongly urge you to take full advantage of the variety of student support services available for you. Working together, I invite you to explore all that City College has to offer you. Always remember to:

- Be focused in the classroom. Utilize campus resources such as tutoring, a culturally relevant academic support program, the transfer center, and more to help you excel.
- Be focused outside of the classroom. Lead a club, join a team, enjoy a cultural performance to help you soar on campus, and more.
- Be YOU. Above all, we welcome the uniqueness of your perspectives, cultural traditions and identity, and look forward to your contributions inside and outside the classroom.

Please contact me anytime at dwhisenhunt@sdccd.edu or 619.388.3464 if you have any questions about the support services available.

Nesha Savage, Ed.D.

Dean of Student Development and Matriculation

On behalf of our amazing faculty, classified professionals, and administration, I am delighted to welcome you to San Diego City College.

We are excited to highlight the great programs and resources that we offer and we hope that you utilize the array of support services to help guide your success as you begin your journey at City College.

Student Development and Matriculation provides services to ensure that students complete the enrollment process and successfully progresses to completion of a certificate, degree, and/or transfer. This is accomplished through a student-centered, social justice approach where programs and services offered provide equitable opportunities for student development, leadership growth, and an enriched learning experience that leads to overall student success.

City College has a superstar lineup of promising practices and model programs including Counseling, Admissions and Records, Evaluations, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Testing, Outreach, Student Transition Services, Umoja Community, Puente Program, City Scholars Program, Hermanos Unidos Brothers United (HUBU), EOPS, CalWORKs, DSPS, MESA, Mental Health Counseling, Student Health Clinic, and Veterans Services. We also have an award winning First Year Services program where first-year students receive the City College red carpet welcome during our Student Success Day.

Be sure to introduce yourself if you see me at one of the many student events and activities that we have on campus. We are honored that you have chosen to attend City College, and we look forward to serving you from your first year until you complete your educational and career goals.
San Diego City College is a reflection of its diverse urban environment. A dedicated transfer hub, City College welcomes students with unique backgrounds from across the city to advance their education and gain life experiences while working toward their individual goals. In Fall 2018, 52% of the 15,190 students enrolled at City College identified as Latinx, 35% of enrolled students reported that they are the first member of their family to attend college, and 52% of students’ educational goals were to work toward a bachelor’s degree. In 2018-19, the college awarded more than 1,400 degrees and certificates.

Over 1,600 employees work at City College, all striving to support students in achieving their goals. As one of approximately 400 designated Hispanic Serving Institutions in the United States, San Diego City College is participating in a federal grant program to increase the number of first-generation, low-income Hispanic students who complete their educational goal.

Results based on Fall 2018 enrollment. For more information: www.sdcity.edu
Mission
The HUBU program was developed to address the achievement gap that exists among Black and Latino male students. HUBU was designed to help African American and Latino male students succeed: by informing, motivating, and preparing them for success both academically and personally.

Overview of Program
HUBU aims to enhance the academic, social and cultural experiences of men of color in community college. The HUBU curriculum focuses on identity development (cultural and gendered), and its relevancy in understanding students’ personal and academic goals.

HUBU services and activities include:
• HUBU Annual Conference
• HUBU Student Club
• Personal Growth
• Mentoring
Matthew Gonzales is an alumnus of San Diego City College and the Umoja Community program. After completing the Umoja program, Matthew remained as a supplemental instructor for the community, as well as serving as a peer mentor. Matthew transferred to the University of La Verne in the greater Los Angeles area and majored in accounting. In 2017, Matthew completed his bachelor’s degree in accounting, and recently welcomed his first child, Enzo! Matthew is an agent and partner of Gonzales Group Real Estate.

Summer Gonzales is an alumna of San Diego City College and the Umoja Community; as well as the younger sister of Matthew Gonzales. Summer was a standout student in the Umoja program who also went on to give back to the Umoja Community as a supplemental instructor for English courses. Like her brother, Summer transferred to the University of La Verne where she completed her bachelor’s degree in accounting, and recently welcomed her first child, Gus. Summer currently lives in Seattle, with her dog Gus and partner Jo, and works as an ophthalmic assistant at Vitreoretinal Associates of Washington. She plans to apply to a physician’s assistant school program in the near future.

Umoja Alumni

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Mission
Umoja (a Kiswahili word meaning unity) is a community and critical resource dedicated to enhancing the cultural and educational experiences of African American and other students.

Overview of Program
The Umoja Community at San Diego City College engages students through a variety of English, math, and personal growth courses to prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The program provides a learning community environment for deep, meaningful, collaborative learning with like-minded peers. Students engage in many academically enriching activities such as:

- Annual Umoja Conference
- College and university visits
- Mentoring
- Annual Umoja Regional Symposium
- Service learning
- Umoja Club

The Black Studies Department at San Diego City College
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Located in the Math and Science (MS) building on the 4th floor in room 440.

The Black Studies Department provides an interdisciplinary and systemic approach to the historical and contemporary study of persons of African descent throughout the globe. The department seeks to give students in the opportunity to link the tools of formal analysis to the specific experiences of persons of African descent combining knowledge with activism toward the practical resolution of community issues. We do so in collaboration with the Chicano and Chicana Studies Department, the English department, and in collaboration with the surrounding community.

Upon successful completion the student will acquire the skills and knowledge for preparation in:

- Evaluating the aesthetics, social, and political significance of Black artistic, musical and literary expression from its African origins to the present.
- Analyzing the underlying causes of such social problems as racism and sexism and class conflict.
- Critically analyzing current social policies and their historical origins, both on the local and national levels, aimed at addressing current social problems that most effect African-Americans.
- Evaluating the role of active citizens who will be engaged in the global community.
HISTORICALLY BLACK Colleges & Universities

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

Contact Us: www.sdcity.edu/transfer or extranet.cccco.edu/hbcutransfer.aspx

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) have an excellent academic track record. These colleges and universities are leading institutions in awarding degrees to African American students in the life sciences, physical sciences, mathematics and engineering programs.

California community college students who complete certain academic requirements are guaranteed transfer to a participating HBCU.

The participating institutions are:

Alabama State University  Florida Memorial University  Shaw University  Southern University and A&M College
Alcorn State University  Fort Valley State University  Talladega College  Tennessee State University
Arkansas Baptist College  Grambling State University  Texas Southern University  Tuskegee College
Bennett College  Harris-Stowe State University  Tougaloo College  Virginia State University
Bethune-Cookman University  Huston-Tillotson University  Tuskegee University  West Virginia State University
Bowie State University  Kentucky State University  Virginia State University  Wiley College
Central State University  Lane College  Lincoln University of Missouri  North Carolina Central University
Claffin University  Lincoln University of Pennsylvania  Philander Smith College
Clark Atlanta University  Mississippi Valley State University
Dillard University  Edward Waters College  Shaw University
Edward Waters College  Florida Memorial University  Southern University and A&M College
Fisk University  Florida Memorial University

If a student completes the requirements for the TAG, then they receive guaranteed admission to that institution.

HBCU Conference is a two-day professional development event to discuss new solutions, share best practices, and collaborate with colleagues to increase efficiencies in managing enrollment.

Come and explore the great things that happen when education professionals work together to increase access and opportunity for African American students.
Annual Events

MLK Parade
Annually, San Diego City College’s students, faculty, classified professionals and administrators create an award-winning float and participate in the MLK Parade, which celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader.

Social Justice and Education Conference
The focus of the Social Justice and Education Conference is to highlight the importance of education in the creation of a just and equal society. The conference draws more than 500 participants and is open to all those interested in social justice in education with a special emphasis on faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and students.

Conference organizer and City College English professor Paul Alexander explained, “At its core, social justice is the foundation of education. An education that ignores social realities and teaches a curriculum detached from an individual’s ability to contribute to a more just and equitable world is a disservice to its participants. Instead of creating a healthy community with true civic engagement, it builds a society of uncritical workers devoid of true meaning and purpose.”

SDCCD Black Graduates and Transfer Students Rite of Passage Ceremony
SDCCD Black Graduates and Transfer Students Rite of Passage Ceremony is a districtwide celebration honoring academic excellence, determination and the sacrifices which have led to the success of our students. The district’s three colleges, City, Mesa and Miramar, rotate hosting this very cultural and spiritual event.

City Women Rock
The City Women Rock event is a special day designed with campus women students in mind to inspire them to aim high and achieve their goals. Throughout the event, we celebrate the beauty of women, inside and out. As the challenges for women continue, everyone must use individual strengths and collective spirit to continue the forward momentum and to make a difference. At City College, all women rock!

Pillars of the Community
Pillars of the Community is a nonprofit organization committed to embracing and celebrating the historic, rich, and diverse culture of southeast San Diego. The group strives for meaningful reformation of the criminal “justice” system, facilitating access to traditional and new forms of education, and for economic equality and workers’ rights through community organizing, leadership development, and strategic partnerships.

San Diego City College English professor Paul Alexander, the president and founder is active with the grassroots group Reclaiming the Community. They do it all — deal with the police; march for freedom and for reclaiming streets; promote community gardens; register voters and give them a ride to the polls.

Black History Month
The San Diego City College community celebrates and honors Black History Month. There is a variety of events throughout the month to learn, honor, and celebrate the achievements of black men and women throughout history.

HUBU Annual Conference
In fall 2009, the founder of HUBU, Dr. Nesha Savage, developed and implemented the Hermanos Unidos/Brothers United Conference to address the achievement gap that exists among African American and Latino male students. HUBU was designed to help African American and Latino male students succeed: by informing, motivating, and preparing them for success both academically and personally.
San Diego City College is proud to be designated a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) by the United States Department of Education. The purpose of the HSI is to expand educational opportunities and improve the academic attainment of Hispanic and low-income students. Expand and enhance the academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability of colleges and universities that are educating the majority of Hispanic college students. As a Hispanic Serving Institution, San Diego City College is committed to student success, educational equity, and social justice.

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Mission
The Puente project is an academic preparation program that for more than 30 years has improved the college-going rate of tens of thousands of California’s educationally disadvantaged students. The project’s mission is to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who:

- Enroll in four-year colleges and universities
- Earn college degrees
- Return to the community as mentors and leaders of future generations

Overview of Program
The Puente project is a national award-winning program that helps tens of thousands of educationally disadvantaged students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn degrees, and return to the community as leaders and mentors for future generations. Puente consists of three components: writing, counseling, and mentoring.

Student Spotlights

Salma Hernandez Puente has taken care of me during my toughest times as a college student. The program has helped me to grow and flourish, allowing me to be true to my identity and evolve into someone better. Being a Puentista is something I would never change and I’m forever grateful that I am here and able to experience such a beautiful community. I will never forget the challenges, successes, and the love I gained in Puente.

Mireya Rodriguez Puente to me is more than just a program; it is duality. It has bridged a path for me to come together with other first-generation students to succeed at City College. Puente nurtured me in a safe space to grow not only academically, but as a leader. My mentors were able to see the leader in me before I saw it myself and pushed me to take new opportunities I never thought I was capable of. Puente is familia. Puente is resilience. Puente is equity.

Pedro Beltran Garcia Puente has become the stairs of knowledge for an unfortunate and socially unmotivated guy like me. For me, Puente is like the cool side of the pillow during summer days, and the coffee mornings of fall. There is no explanation for the unity and memories I have created and the wisdom I have acquired thanks to Puente.
Alumni

**Bianca Arellano** I was fortunate to come across Puente my first semester at San Diego City College in 2011. At the time, I was confused, unsure, and had no direction. **After just one semester, Puente fostered self-efficacy, awareness, and self-empowerment.** Listening to my classmates, forming bonds, and cultivating a community, I was able to grow personally as well as academically. I am eternally grateful to Puente, Dr. Perez, Professor Preciado, and Professor Martinez for helping me. After graduating, I transferred to UC Berkeley, graduating in two years with my Puente sash draped proudly around my neck. Puente taught me to stand up for myself as well as stand up for what I represent and believe in. I am now employed as a student service coordinator for California Institute of Arts & Technology in San Diego and plan to apply to graduate school in the upcoming years. I will never forget all that Puente has done for me. As a daughter of a high school teacher, I constantly talk to my mom’s students, making sure to empower others to join the same program that helped empower me because I truly believe in this program with all my heart.

**Mario Hernandez** When I first arrived at City College, I had no idea what to expect. One thing I did know is that I had joined a program called Puente. **Throughout my years at City, the Puente program helped me develop my personal growth, it taught me what familia really stood for and it showed me the importance of being part of a community, of a Chicano community.** Everything that I learned in the Puente program I took with me when I transferred to Cal State Northridge. The first three months were difficult. Having to adjust to a brand new city with a different way of life was extremely hard. In Puente, they taught me that no matter where I was I had to break out of my shell and not be scared to try new things. That is when I started looking for an organization to join. This pushed me to join a fraternity on campus. Just like Puente, my fraternity was made up of different guys who wanted to be part of something bigger just like when I was at Puente, I held a number of positions and even got elected to represent my fraternity at the school and state level. It made me realize that life is not just about myself, but it is about giving back to my community and helping those around me. After receiving my bachelor’s degree, I started working for an organization in which I am now a site supervisor for a K-8 school in Barrio Logan.

**Antonio Torres Moreno** As a Mexican American in higher education, Puente has been the driving force in my search for identity and academic success. The Puente experience was very humbling and empowering for me because had it not been for this program, I believe it would have taken me a much longer and difficult path in finding peace with my cultural and social identity. Many of us who have experienced being a Latino/a in the U.S. often find social and cultural barriers that are not easy to break down. I know that for my parents, they suffered oppression and culture shock here in the U.S.; they escaped a life in which they felt was worse than facing new challenges in another country. Such generational trauma and conflict cannot be easily removed; however, the Puente program helped me address issues in which I never thought I would face or challenge within myself. Puente means community, family, and personal growth. Puente is the light and hope that will make me succeed as a Chicano in a society that has continually marginalized me and my ancestors. The Puente program was the greatest accomplishment of my life as a Mexican American/Chicano/Puenteño.

**Dany Mendoza** As a student, Puente helped me feel a sense of belonging in college by being able to interact and have support from others with same/similar cultural backgrounds. I always told myself, “It’s only going to get harder. If you give up now then you don’t really want it!” **As a mentor, Puente gives me the opportunity to help those who, like me, might feel a bit lost and overwhelmed with being a first-generation college student.**

**Diana Ramirez** As a former Puente, coming back to a mentor position was full circle. I see myself in many of the students and now I am able to share my experiences, triumphs, motivation, and most importantly, genuine passion for their journey. **There is nothing like creating community amongst our future leaders and community advocates.**
Annual Events

Binational Conference on Border Issues
San Diego City College Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies hosts a bi-annual Conferencia Binacional en Temas Fronterizos where academics, activists, researchers, artists, and performers from both sides of the U.S. and Mexico border explore the impact of la línea on populations living both in the U.S. and Mexico as well as creating a space for understanding how fronterizo, or border dwelling populations, perceive and respond to these impacts.

Hispanic Heritage Month
The San Diego City College community celebrates the period from September 15 to October 15 and recognizes the contributions of Hispanic and Latinx Americans to the group’s heritage and culture through various activities.

Latinx Heritage Day
Hermanos Unidos Brothers United (HUBU) and other campus student clubs—including Puente, Inter-Club Council (ICC), Associated Students Government (ASG) and others—welcome Hispanic Heritage Month with Latinx Heritage Day, which includes food, music, and culture.

Chicano Latina Graduation Celebration
This event honors the academic achievements of our Chicano Latina graduates and is full of rich cultural heritage.

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Student learning objectives:
- Students will attend and analyze educational, cultural, or political activities related to the Chicano/a Latino/a community’s social issues.
- Students will learn the significance of the Chicana/o and Mexican experience.
- Students will discuss the major obstacles that the indigenous cultures of Mexico have faced since having contact with European cultures.
- Students will learn some of the contributions that women have made to the development of the Mexican and Mexican American experience.
Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA)
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The City College Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program is the best academic support program for students in math, engineering, and science transfer-track majors. The secret is culture. All new MESA students are first trained in the learning culture and language of success that exists in higher education. Think of the learning culture as the “rules of the game” for succeeding at City College.

Potential
Student potential is not questioned in the learning culture. All students have great potential — YOU have great potential: You have many strengths, but you also have gaps. The challenge for all MESA students is to learn the learning culture, and use it to fill their gaps.

Commitment
Student commitment is questioned in the learning culture, and only creators are accepted into the MESA program. Creators accept responsibility, take action, and seek solutions. Victims are NOT accepted because this is a choice that students make, and victims cannot truly be committed. Victims typically blame, complain, and make excuses. The MESA program has high expectations for students: are YOU a victim or a creator?

Foundation for Learning
To build a house, you must begin with a strong foundation. The same is true for learning; student success begins with a strong foundation for learning. How strong is your foundation for learning?

Freedom
Purpose for the learning — the goal for all students in a learning culture is to achieve freedom, which gives students the ability to define themselves, rather than to be defined by others. Freedom gives students the ability to live a life they choose — a life that is fulfilling to them.

Secret to Success
If you want to succeed in anything, then you must want it as much as you want to breathe!

More than a program, MESA is family. Students can gather at the MESA Center — a home on campus where MESA students get the help and support they need to be successful in college, including:

• Tutoring for math, science, and engineering classes
• Counseling assistance for creating education plans, applying for transfer, exploring graduate school and career opportunities, and identifying other services needed
• FREE resources for students (i.e., class textbooks, computers, and calculators)
• Scholarship information and help to apply for scholarships
• Summer research and internships opportunities across the country
• Connections to industry to meet professionals and learn about companies and careers
Alumni

University Graduates

Juvencio Garnica, B.S., Mechanical Engineering
University of Southern California

Other MESA transfer universities:
University of California — Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, San Diego, Riverside, Santa Barbara
California State University — Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime Academy, Pomona, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo
University of San Diego
Georgia Institute of Technology
Montana State University
North Carolina State

Master’s Graduates

Maria Lemus, M.S., Immunology & Microbiology
Uppsala University (Sweden)

Other MESA graduate schools — master’s degrees:
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Drexel University
University of California — Berkeley, San Diego
University of Nottingham (England)
University of North Florida

Doctoral Graduates

Dr. Zachary Hears, Doctor of Pharmacy
University of California, San Francisco

Other MESA graduate schools — doctoral degrees:
Harvard University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Rice University
Stanford University
University of Southern California
University of Texas, Southwestern

Industry Professionals

Denden Tekeste, Engineer, SDG&E

Other companies that employ MESA graduates:
Apple
Cisco Systems
General Atomics
Hologic
Illumina
Medtronic
NAVAIR
Northrop Grumman

SCHOOL TIPS

Students must come to class prepared to understand the new material. Bullet Point Reading (BPR) is the best note-taking strategy for preparing for class because it helps to move information to long-term memory.

Anne Cardenas
Nano Engineering

Make sure to come to class early, sit in the front row and use the extra time to review your notes.

Ricardo Tenorio
Human Biology

Review lecture notes (RLN) immediately after class when they are fresh in your mind. If possible, avoid scheduling back-to-back classes to give yourself enough time to review.

Roberttha Amezola
Biology

Before you can solve problems, you must see the Big Picture - understand the concept, know the steps for solving problems and recognize the variations in the problems.

Alan Hurtado
Bioengineering

Build positive relationships with your professors. Speak with them in office hours for help with seeing the Big Picture.

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Biochemistry
Annual Events

Fall
- **Science Q&A @ UCSD** — Visit with UCSD research program directors
- **Company Tour: Science** — Meet science professionals and enjoy a company tour
- **Workshop: How to Apply to Summer Research Programs at UCSD** — Learn how to apply for research programs
- **Lunch with Professor: Science** — Enjoy lunch and learn from a City College science professor
- **MESA Training Academy at Industry Site** — Receive industry training at a company site
- **SDSU Campus Tour** — Visit the campus and enjoy the SDSU experience
- **INROADS: Internship Workshop: “Secrets” for getting any internship** — Learn how to land an industry internship
- **City College Annual Transfer Fair** — Meet university transfer admissions representatives
- **UCSD Campus Tour** — Visit the campus and enjoy the UCSD experience
- **MESA STEM Shadow Day in Industry** — Spend a day learning from an industry professional

Spring
- **Workshop: Summer Research Opportunities** — Learn about research programs in San Diego.
- **SDSU Physics Department Open House** — Tour labs and meet physics faculty and students
- **Workshop: Internship 101 for Science Majors** — Learn how to land an science internship
- **Lunch with a Professor: Engineering** — Enjoy lunch and learn from a City College engineering professor
- **University Transfer: The Real Transfer Story** — Learn about university transfer from former MESA transfers
- **Company Tour: Engineering** — Meet engineering professionals and enjoy a company tour
- **MESA Arduino Academy** — Learn how to use Arduino technology for thousands of projects and applications
- **Workshop: Internship 101 for Engineering and Computer Science Majors** — Learn how to land an engineering and computer science internship
- **Speed Mentoring & Research Symposium for Science Majors** — Meet science professionals and learn about research
- **MESA End-of-the-Year Celebration** — A celebration of MESA student accomplishments and transfer
Scholarships

Contact: sdcity.edu/scholarships

Do you need cash for college?

San Diego City College offers over 50 campus scholarships specifically designed to meet the needs of students. Each year the scholarship cycle opens Dec. 1–Feb. 26 and students have the opportunity to apply for $250–$1,000 awards.

Students must create a general application via SDCity.Academicworks.com before gaining access to scholarship applications and can use the online resources for guidance found at on our scholarship site sdcity.edu/scholarships.

Concurrent Enrollment

Contact: sdcity.edu/concurrent

Did you know you can go to City College for free while you are in high school?

Start College Early with free tuition* for high school students (11th and 12th grades). Earn College Units, Finish College Early, Save Time & Expense! *Student Services fees, school supplies and other fees may apply.

Special Programs & Services

Assessment Center

A-201 | 619.800.4681 | sdcity.edu/students/assessment | Email: CityAssessment@sdccd.edu

Do you need assistance with your placement?

Please contact the Assessment Center with any questions or need assistance with your English, math, or ELAC placement, submission of your Online Orientation, and/or if you need information about our “Challenge Exam” process.

The Black Studies Department at San Diego City College

MS-440 | 619.388.3187 | Contact: Darius Spearman, Department Chair, Email: dspearma@sdccd.edu

Do you want to experience history, art, economics, United States history, literature, music, psychology, sociology and politics from a Black perspective?

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CalWORKs

A-354 | 619.800.3875 | sdcity.edu/students/services/calworks | Email: cwkfd@sdccd.edu

Appointment: Click here

Do you qualify to receive a state-funded program to receive cash aid, childcare, transportation services and educational supplies?

CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids) is a statewide program that assists students who are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/cash aid and are participants in the Welfare-to-Work program. Counselors and staff empower students to achieve their academic career and personal goals. Specialized services have been designed to support students in their career, education and personal goals. The program also helps students understand and meet their Welfare-to-Work requirements. Services include vocational/academic counseling, job placement, work-study placement, verification of Welfare-to-Work hours, childcare, transportation services, and educational supplies.
Chicana and Chicano Studies Department
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Do you want to experience arts and literature, cultural studies, history, the social sciences, policy studies, service learning from a Chicanx and Latinx perspective?

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City Scholars
A-366 | 619.388.3675 | sdcity.edu/students/scholarships
Are you a justice-impacted student and want to go to college?
The City Scholars Program was designed to help justice-impacted students transition to San Diego City College. The program provides access to a range of academic, social, and emotional support to help students facilitate their success in college.

Counseling Department/Evaluations
A-366 | 619.388.3540 | sdcity.edu/counseling | Email: CityCounseling@sdccd.edu
Appointment: Click here
Do you need help with your academic, transfer, career, life planning, and transcript evaluations?
The Counseling Department provides valuable services to help students achieve their personal and educational goals, and to better understand the campus community and college culture. Services offered include academic and transfer support, career and life planning courses, personal counseling and transcript evaluations.

Cultural Hubs
¡SUBIR! Center | AH-200A | 619.800.3708 | sdcity.edu/Dreamer | Email: asanchez003@sdccd.edu | Appointment: Click here
Do you want to feel a sense of community and cultural inclusivity?
There will be a total of four cross-cultural hubs across campus and these are spaces where students, faculty and staff can engage and promote a sense of community and cultural inclusivity. Our first cultural hub is the ¡SUBIR! Center and it houses the Dreamer Resource Center within it. Cultural hubs provide a space for cultural integration, identity exploration, social justice activism and collaborative learning. The cultural hubs also provide peer mentoring, study spaces, community resources, workshops, and special activities.

Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS)
A-122 | 619.388.3513 | sdcity.edu/DSPS | Email: citydsps@sdccd.edu | Appointment: Click here
Do you need an individualized plan for services and accommodations?
The mission of the DSPS Department at City College is to provide services and programs to facilitate independence and self-advocacy, and to represent the concerns of students with disabilities at the campus, district and state levels. DSPS provides services and courses to support students with disabilities in the achievement of their academic and vocational goals. The instructional component promotes equal participation in mainstream academic programs through preparatory and skill maintenance courses, as well as courses for personal growth. Services and accommodations are different for each student. The student will meet with a DSPS counselor specialist to develop an individualized plan for services and accommodations based on the student’s disability and educational needs.

English Center
L-209 | 619.388.3633 | sdcity.edu/academics/academic-resources/englishcenter
Need help to be a more effective, confident and independent reader, writer and critical thinker?
The English Center provides a community-based learning environment to help City College students become more effective, confident and independent readers, writers and critical thinkers. In support of this mission, the English Center offers assistance for all disciplines through one-on-one peer tutoring sessions, group tutoring, supplemental instruction, workshops for students and faculty, one-unit refresher courses, orientations, consultations for faculty, and the opportunity for qualified students to gain experience as peer tutors and mentors.
Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) and Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE)

A-354 | 619.388.3209 | sdcity.edu/EOPS | Email: cityeops@sdccd.edu | Appointment: Click here

Are you eligible to receive state-funded student support services?

EOPS is a state-funded student support services program. Its purpose is to provide special recruitment, retention, and transition services to eligible students. The services offered are “above and beyond” those offered by the college’s Student Services division. The primary services include assistance in the following areas: priority enrollment, counseling/advisement, and preparation for transition to four-year colleges and universities. EOPS students who are single parents, have a child less than 14 years of age, and receive public assistance are encouraged to apply for the program’s Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) component. CARE provides additional support services to address those needs that are unique to single parents.

Financial Aid

A-270 | sdcity.edu/FinancialAid | Email: cityaid@sdccd.edu

Do you qualify for Financial Aid?

The Financial Aid Office is committed to assisting and uplifting students who might otherwise be unable to continue their education because of financial disadvantage.

Email: include your full name, student id number and term you are inquiring about. With a much higher number of emails being processed, allow 72 hours for a reply.

Live Financial Aid Support link: cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96254605145
Schedule Mon - Thur 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-4:00pm | Fri: 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-3:00pm

First Year Services

A-213 | 619.388.3998 | sdcity.edu/fys

Are you a first-time college student?

The mission of First Year Services is to ensure that all first-time college students experience a smooth transition from high school to college. During the first year, students will receive the support needed to develop in areas of self-efficacy, leadership and social competence for students to ultimately achieve their goal of degree completion.

Honors Program

AH-102 | 619.388.3512 | sdcity.edu/academics/academic-programs/honors.aspx

Are you a motivated student who wants in-depth or cross-disciplinary curriculum?

The Honors Program is open to any student who meets appropriate general and departmental criteria. Honors classes are designed to provide strongly motivated students with a more in-depth or cross-disciplinary curriculum and a highly interactive classroom experience.

HUBU: Hemanos Unidos, Brothers United

A-341 | 619.388.3609 | sdcity.edu/hubu | Email: aaden@sdccd.edu

Do you want brotherhood committed to ensure your successful at San Diego City College?

HUBU is a movement and brotherhood that embraces men of color AND validates who you are as great men and leaders in your communities.

Library

3rd level of the R Building / Learning Resource Center | lrc.sdcity.edu/home

Everyone can use Google, but not everyone can do research?

Come talk to us in the library and learn how to do real research in academic databases and find the scholarly books and articles you need for your assignments. The library provides you with 50+/- databases with millions of articles, books, e-books, documentaries, and movies. The library also offers you quiet study space and group study rooms; printers, copiers and computers; many of your textbooks; 24/7 chat with a librarian; a 1-unit transferable research skills class; and people eager to help. Save yourself time, become a more independent learner, and prepare yourself for university transfer and for keeping current in your career by talking with us in the library.
Math Center
L-208 | 619.388-3580 | sdcity.edu/academics/academic-resources/mathcenter
Are you in need of tutoring, make-up test or need help to complete homework?

Our mission is to provide a flexible learning-centered environment in which students are able to complete their college math requirements. Whether students need, to complete a Math Center course, receive general math tutoring, take a make-up test, study or complete homework assignments, the Math Center strives to provide resources in an environment that is conducive to learning.

Mental Health Counseling
A-180 | 619.388.3055 | sdcity.edu/MentalHealthCounseling
Do you need help with your personal, social, and emotional well-being?

Our goal at the San Diego City College Mental Health Counseling Center is to help students benefit fully from the college experience by supporting personal, social, and emotional well-being. We aim to support students as they balance the demands of their academic and personal lives.

Our services are paid for through the student health fee and are therefore free for any enrolled student to use. Services provided are confidential to include short-term individual, couples and group counseling, crisis intervention, and outreach/prevention. We also provide consultation and referral services to students, staff, and faculty.

Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA)
T-393 | 619.388.3156 | sdcity.edu/mesa | Contact: Rafael Alvarez, MESA Director, Email: ralvarez@sdccd.edu
Do you want the the best academic support and transfer program for math, engineering and science majors?

The City College Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program is the best academic support program for students in math, engineering, and science transfer-track majors. The secret is culture. All new MESA students are first trained in the learning culture and language of success that exists in higher education. Think of the learning culture as the “rules of the game” for succeeding at City College.

NextUp
A-354 | 619.388.3209 | sdcity.edu/students/services/eops | Email: sgebrekristos@sdccd.edu
Are you a foster youth student and want to go to college?

NextUp, is a supplemental component of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS). The purpose of Next Up is to strengthen and support the higher education success, health, and well-being of current and former foster youth who are enrolled at San Diego City College.

Outreach
A-250 | 800.2308 | sdcity.edu/Outreach | Email: cityoutreach1@gmail.com
Appointment: Click here
Do you need help getting started at San Diego City College?

Our goal is to inform, support, and guide prospective students, families, agencies, and the community through interest, exploration, and enrollment to our institution. The Outreach Office aims to empower students by providing the most up-to-date information, program contacts, and clear pathways to successfully matriculate through the enrollment process.

Promise Program
A-213 | 619.800.3464 | sdcity.edu/promise | Email: sdpromisecity@sdccd.edu
Do you want up to two-years free tuition?

The San Diego Promise Program is a two-year tuition free completion program for recent high school graduates.
Peer Mentor Lab
A-313 | 619.388.3998 | sdcity.edu/students/services/peerlab
Do you need help applying for college?

The Peer advocate computer lab was designed to help First-Year Services students with the matriculation process in the following areas: Application and enrollment • Online orientation • Applying for financial aid (FAFSA/Dream Act/AB-540) • Assistance with online portals such as Reg-e and Blackboard.

Puente Project
A-341 | 619.388.3668 | sdcity.edu/Puente | Email: citypuente@gmail.com
Are interested in exploring the Latinx/Chicanx experience and planning on transferring to a four-year university?

The project’s mission is to increase the number of educationally disadvantaged students who enroll in four-year colleges and universities, earn college degrees, and return to the community as mentors and leaders of future generations.

Student Health Clinic
A-180 | 619.388.3450 | sdcity.edu/students/services/student-health
Do you need health care?

The Student Health Clinic supports the success of students by attending to the physical and psychological well-being of all San Diego Community College District students. Services include basic first aid, nurse (RN) visits, limited over the counter medications, doctor or nurse practitioner appointments, weight/blood pressure/vision screenings, lab tests, physical exams, X-ray orders, limited immunizations and flu shots, preventive care/health counseling and mental health services. There is usually no charge to see a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, or physician. However, your health fee does not cover prescription medications, lab-work, X-rays, or immunizations.

Summer Readiness Program (SRP)
A-354 | 619.388.3209 | sdcity.edu/students/services/eops
Are you a first time college student who wants survival skills?

SRP is a summer orientation for first-time college students. Participating students attend classes four days each week for eight weeks. The coursework includes material designed to develop and enhance college survival skills. In addition to the coursework, a full complement of EOPS services is provided. Applications are usually available in early February and due around spring break. Interested applicants should contact the EOPS Office for details.

Title V
619.388.4196 | sdcity.edu/hsi
Are you eligible to receive the grant that includes peer mentoring, tutoring, a summer transition program and cross-cultural hubs?

The Title V-¡SUBIR! (Students Uplifted by Instructional Reform) Project is a grant from the U.S. Department of Education under the Hispanic Serving Institutions program. The purpose of the grant is to increase the number of high-need students who persist in and complete college. Project ¡SUBIR! improves the retention and success of Latinx students and economically disadvantaged students through course redesign, faculty professional development and by increasing cultural awareness and inclusivity. Student services provided by the grant include peer mentoring, tutoring, a summer transition program for incoming students and cross-cultural hubs.

Transfer/Career Center
A-301 | 619.388.3722 | sdcity.edu/transfer
Are you preparing to transfer, looking to explore career options or preparing for a job search?

The Career Center is a focal point for students who are preparing to transfer, exploring career options and preparing for a job search. The program serves as a resource for students and provides information including one-on-one career counseling, interview techniques, job seeking skills, job fairs, local and nationwide job listings, internships and resources needed to transfer to a four-year college or university.
Tutorial/Learning Center (TLC)
R-Bldg | 619.388.3421 | sdcity.edu/students/services/tlc
Do you need to study, do homework, receive academic assistance and support?
TLC staff serves San Diego City College and Educational Cultural Complex (ECC) students to help them achieve their academic goals. Come to the TLC for a place to study, do homework assignments, receive academic assistance and support, meet with study groups, and attend study skills workshops.

Umoja
A-341 | 619.388.3796 | sdcity.edu/umoja | Email: echarlen@sdccd.edu
Do you want course materials, discussions, and activities focused on African-American culture, literature, and experiences?
The Umoja Community at San Diego City College is a program designed to assist African American and other historically underrepresented students who desire to transfer to four-year colleges and universities, and earn their degrees.

Veterans Office
A-241 | 619.388.3504 | sdcity.edu/students/military/gi-bill.aspx | Email: cityva@sdccd.edu
Are you a veteran and need help receiving military benefits?
The VA office staff help students through the process of receiving military veterans education benefits. We help guide students who are just starting at City, all the way through graduation. Our experienced school certifying officials can answer questions about benefits for veterans and military dependents. We work closely with counselors to ensure that veterans’ courses are qualified for benefits. Follow us: @sdcityvets

Veterans Service Center
L-106 | 619.388.3698 | sdcity.edu/students/military
Are you a veteran and want to receive peer support/mentoring?
The Veterans Service Center is designed to serve student veterans from military transition to the completion of their academic goals. All currently enrolled student veterans are welcome. The Center is staffed by fellow student veterans, and provides a study space with computers and a printer for school work. The Center is a comfortable area for veterans to gather, and to receive peer support/mentoring, and referrals to both on and off-campus resources.